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allowances and non-contract contingencies is Rs. 2,600, excluding the pay of the manager of the settlement who is an Inspector of Police on Rs. 175 a month.

(*e*) The four settlements were established in the years noted against each—

	Year.
Sitanagaram	1913
Stuartpuram	1914
Kavali	1912
Siddhapuram	1913

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—"May I know whether the Government have considered the desirability of placing the Kavali settlement under the Police department?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"No, Sir, we have not considered it."

Number of settlers in settlements.

* 872-B Q.—The Zamindar of Gollapalli : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of settlers in each settlement with their religions;

(*b*) how many families have taken up Christianity up to the end of 1927 after admission into the settlement;

(*c*) what is the number of Hindus as compared with converted Christians among the settlers in each settlement; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the managing bodies are forcing the settlers to become converts to Christianity?

A.—(*a*) (*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 69 of the Labour Department Administration Report for 1927–28 in which are given the number of settlers in each settlement. The Government have no information as to the religion of the settlers or as to the points mentioned in clauses (*b*) and (*c*).

(*d*) The Government have no reason for thinking that any such practice exists.

Mr. V. Ramjee Rao :—"May I know whether the Government will call for information regarding the religion of the settlers and the other points mentioned in clauses (*b*) and (*c*)?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I have no objection."

Mr. Daniel Thomas :—"May I know whether any single case of conversion was brought to the notice of Government?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"No, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"With reference to clause (*d*), may I know what are the enquiries made or the facts ascertained by the Government for saying 'The Government have no reason for thinking that any such practice exists'?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—Because no facts have come to our notice."

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Mr S. SATYAMURTI :—" Have they made any enquiry at all ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Will they make it now ? "

Management of criminal settlements by social workers.

* 872-C Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether during 1926–27 or 1927–28 any social workers offered to take up the work connected with the criminal settlements if entrusted and, if so, who they were and what was the Government's reply to them ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to change the management and, if not, why not ?

A.—M.R.Ry. Ramjee Rao Garu, M.L.C., requested the Government in 1927 to transfer to his charge the Sitanagaram and Stuartpuram settlements in the Guntur district. He was told that the transfer could not be made. The Salvation Army authorities are managing the settlements efficiently and the Government do not consider it desirable to change the present management.

Emigration

Working hours in the emigration depot at Avadi.

* 873-A Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical officer in charge of the emigration depot, Avadi, extracts work from labourers, both male and female, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and

(b) whether it is a fact that women emigrants are made to gather cow-dung in the forests throughout the day in the months of May, June and July ?

A.—The Government have no information but will enquire.

Inspection of the Avadi emigration depot by honorary visitors.

* 873-B Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical officer in charge of the emigration depot at Avadi, in the Chingleput district, refuses to allow honorary visitors to inspect the depot without his previous permission ;

(b) whether the Government have received any complaints that the medical officer treated Mr. M Seshachariyar, an honorary visitor, with scant courtesy since he tried to inspect the depot without the previous permission of the officer ;

(c) whether there is any rule that honorary visitors should visit the depots only after giving previous notice and after obtaining the permission of the medical officer ; and

(d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the affirmative, what the purpose of the visit of non-official honorary visitors to the depot is and what are their duties ?